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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 13, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GEORGE & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSNY, 10, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 189, Nassau Street.

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SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAS & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA:—MACAO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & Co., Rua do Carmo, Macao. AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Amoy. HEDER & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—The Hon. W. K. SWICK.
Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.
F. R. BRIDGES, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. L. DARYNLE, Esq. F. D. BARROW, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGERS.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EVER CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 14, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th of 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, 23,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, 4,800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de Brochez, PARIS.

AGENTS AND BRANCHES AT:

LONDON, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business.

E. G. VOUILLERONT, Manager, Shanghai.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 3 " 3 " " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1864, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £233,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £166,250.
RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THEMISTLETT STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1874.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. W. DETMERS has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

RADECKE & Co.
Hongkong, January 31, 1880. mal

NOTICE.

THE Business heretofore conducted by the Undersigned as SPARKES, etc., will be transferred 1st March next to MR. H. FOURNIER & Co., who will continue the same under the Old Style of BENDICHT, W. & Co.

The Undersigned, in returning thanks to their numerous Customers for past favours, beg to solicit the same Patronage to his Successor, who will be assisted by his Wife and his Sister.

BENDICHT, W. & Co.
Hongkong, February 24, 1880. ma2

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM THIS DATE, and during the absence of Mr. W. H. RAY from the Colony, Mr. E. GOLDSMITH has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company.

H. H. NELSON, Chairman.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880. ma21

WE Have This Day authorized Mr. CARL VON PUSTAU to sign our Firm per Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, February 25, 1880. ma25

NOTICE.

MR. N. C. STEVENS is hereby authorized to sign our Name by Procuration at AMOY, the Power held by Mr. RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 9, 1880. my11

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of MR. LEONARD STARR in our Firm CRASSED on the 31st December last. Mr. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

HESE & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. See80

For Sale.

THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA, and its Affinities with THAT OF THE ARYAN AND SEMITE RACES. By N. B. DENYSE, Ph.D., F.R.G.S. Price, HALF BOUND, \$1.00.

KELLY & WALSH, Hongkong.
Hongkong, February 12, 1880. ma12

WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, (of the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BEG to announce that they have added to their Business A PIANO TUNING and REPAIRING DEPARTMENT, under the Superintendence of Mr. DOUGLAS DALL, who has been sent to them by Messrs JOHN BROADWOOD & Sons of London; they are now prepared to receive Orders which shall be carefully and efficiently attended to.

THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE, EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEAD SHELL HATS for the RACES. New Shapes in GENTLEMEN'S HATS. Latest NOVELTIES in SCARFS. SHIRTS with COLLARS attached. Cardigan JACKETS. French KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons. Single and Double SOLE BOOTS. GAN'S FRENCH SHOES. Waterproof SHEETING for Racing Ponies.

Playing CARDS. Whist MARKERS. Electro-plated TELESCOPES. Maltese CIGARETTES. Carriage LAMPS. Billiard BALLS. QUOITS. VALISES. Iron and Brass BEDSTEADS. The New Wire Spring MATTRESSES. COIR DOOR MATS.

Spirit FLASKS. Household SOLES. Merino and Cashmere SOCKS, and UNDERSHIRTS. Royal Irish Constabulary REVOLVERS. Foster's Calorated Bottled ALE and STOUT. SACONNE'S SHERRIES.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880. ma2

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

TOWNS AND CITIES OF CHINA; A DICTIONARY OF REVENUE.

By G. M. H. PLATTAR. PRICE, 36 PER COPY BOUND.

Apply to Messrs NOBOWA & Co., LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., KELLY AND WALSH, McWEN, FRANKEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1880. fa29

FOR SALE.

JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$16 per doz. Case. Pils, \$17 per doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, Stock-in-Trade and Good-will of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WHITBREAD at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

OLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION. DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX.

Quarts, \$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pils, \$18 " " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fa80

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.50.

"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW,"

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

To Let.

TO BE LET, on Lease for BUILDING, a Piece of GROUND, containing about 10,000 square feet, at SPANISH GARDEN, on Island Lot No. 199, commanding a good view of the harbour.

Apply to
BREMERTON & WOTTON,
Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

TO LET.

FOREIGN HOUSES, containing Six Rooms and Out-Houses; Also, CHINESE SHOPS and HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 26, 1880.

TO LET.

FOUR-STORY HOUSES in Hollywood Road.

A HOUSE in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to
E. R. BELLIOS.
Hongkong, December 27, 1879.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GO-DOWN, situated upon MARINE LOT 10.

Also, the Two HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT NO. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, July 26, 1879.

Auctions.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO BE SOLD as a going Concern, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on a DAY to be hereafter fixed in the Month of April next, (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract, and subject to withdrawal by the Vendor for any other reason of which due Notice will be given), THE BUSINESS OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPWRIGHTS, lately Carried on by Messrs J. INGLIS & Co., known as the VICTORIA FOUNDRY, and situated at SPRING GARDENS, Victoria.

Together with all the PLANT, MACHINERY, TRADE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, STEAM LAUNCHES, and STOCK-IN-TRADE, and including the Good-will, and all Existing Contracts and Engagements.

For further Particulars, apply to
SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees.

Supreme Court House,
17th February, 1880.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will perform

TWO SERIO-COMEDY DRAMA, in Two Acts, by JOHN OXENFORD, Esq., entitled

"THE PORTER'S KNOT,"

And the 2ND ACT of SHERRARD'S FAUCIAL COMEDY, entitled

"THE ORBITIC,"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, ON

the EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March.

Admission (by Tickets only) \$2. Tickets may be obtained and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after WEDNESDAY, 26th Instant.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to commence at 9 p.m.

Hongkong, February 21, 1880. ma3

Intimations.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

TWO NEW BUILDING ALLEYS HAVE BEEN LAID.

ACCOMMODATION FOR BOARDERS AND FAMILIES.

WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

J. F. SAUSTER, Proprietor.
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

Eighth Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VIII.

OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Fa-Hien and His English Translations. The Loochow Islands. The Ballads of the Shik-king. Translations of Chinese School-books. Notes on the Korean Language. Notes on Chinese Grammar. Ancient Geographical Names in Central Asia.

A Chip from Chinese History, or the last 100 Emperors of the Great Sung Dynasty, 1101-1126.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—Curious Marriage Customs. Chinese Rights of Way, &c. Conventions amongst Chinese Officials. Forms of Petitions in China. Literary and Military Examinations. The Old Moral Teaching of Japan. The term K'un-lun ts'eng-shu. The Habits of the Hedgehog. Nastorian in China.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, January 31, 1880.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also on Store Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1880. ma2

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of March next, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1879.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1880. ma5

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th February current to 6th March next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1880. ma5

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS, CHARTS AND NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1880. ma20

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1865, AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1877.

CAPITAL \$500,000, DIVIDED INTO 5,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

General Agents,
Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

Directors,
WILLIAM ROWELL FORBES, Esq. J. A. DOS REMEDOS, Esq. KWOK ACHONG, Esq. C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

Bankers,
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Solicitors,
Messrs BREMERTON and WOTTON.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Proprietors of the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, their Dock and the Ground and Premises belonging thereto, with the Plant, Machinery, and Stock-in-Trade of the parties aforesaid, and of carrying on the Business of Shipwrights and Engineers in the Colony of Hongkong.

For this purpose an absolute assignment dated the 31st day of January, 1880, has been entered into by Messrs WILLIAM ROWELL FORBES, FRANK BLACKWELL FORBES, SAMUEL WYLLIES POMEROY, Junior, JOHN MURRAY FORBES, Junior, FREDERICK DELANO HIGGINS, HANLEY DU CLOUX FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, Merchants, trading as RUSSELL & Co., as Trustees of WILLIAM BOLTON SPRATT, ANDREW JOHNSON, and NELSON SPRATT, the owners of the said Cosmopolitan Dock, with Messrs KWOK ACHONG, WILLIAM ROWELL FORBES, CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, and JOSE ANTONIO DOS REMEDOS, Directors of the said Company, for the purchase of all the premises mentioned, without further confirmation, for the price or sum of \$500,000, subject to the condition that if the Stock-in-Trade consisting of Wood and Iron be not valued by a competent valuator at a sum not less than \$100,000, the said sum of \$500,000 shall be accordingly reduced.

The Cosmopolitan Dock is of sufficient dimensions to dock the largest Vessels afloat; it and the Plant and Machinery belonging thereto are now in perfect order. The Business of Building, Docking, Making, and Repairing Vessels is in full operation, and that the Company can at once enter upon active business, which it is expected will be highly remunerative.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs RUSSELL & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Board of Directors.

About Four Thousand Shares have been already taken up, and it is intended that the Capital will be called up as follows:—\$75 per share on allotment, and \$25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880.

All unpaid Capital after that date shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

Application for Shares, which shall be in the annexed form, will be received by the Agents, up to the 15th day of April, 1880.

THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.,
HAVE JUST LANDED
AN INVOICE OF JEROME ROBERTS &
SONS' BEST CUTLERY,
Table Knives,
Pocket Knives,
Office and Ladies' Scissors,
Dessert Knives,
Fowl Carvers,
Razors,
&c., &c.

LATEST NOVELTIES AND OFFICE REQUISITES.

Gillett's Steel Pens, Mitchell's Steel Pens, Ink Bottles in great variety, Stationery Cases, Date Rulers, Portfolios, Copying Brackets and Water Wells, Pen Holders, Glass Pen Trays, Paper Weights, Perry's Aluminium Gold Pencil Cases in variety, Mosaic Tablets, Blotting Pads, Butterfly Paper Weights, Blotting Pads, Indian Rubber Bands, Pencils, Leads, Ink Erasers, Lead Pencils, Blue and Red Pencils, Penholders, Underwoods' Copying and Writing Ink, Animal Paper Weights and Penholders, Combined Memo, Tablet and Paper Weight, Stockwell's Patent Glass Lighters, Paper Binders, Metallic Tapes.

An Invoice of BUILDERS' HARDWARE including Iron Locks, Padlocks, Brass and Iron Bolts, MINATURE PLATED PADLOCKS, CHURCH BOX LOCKS, CUPBOARD LOCKS, TILL LOCKS, and PADLOCKS.

NEW BOOKS.

INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING.
Basswell's "Engineer's Pocket Book."
Kytewell's "Engineer's Pocket Book."
"Habit of Good Society."
"Mayer's "Home Management."
"Advice to a Mother."
"Advice to a Wife."
"Phelps' "Botany."
"Mansfield's "History of England."
Do. "Critical and Historical Essays."
Do. "Witings and Speeches."
Do. "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramids."
Do. "Voyage of the Challenger."
Bentley's "All about Gardening."
Hayden's "Dictionary of Science."
Do. "Greatest Language."
Mansfield's "Treasury of Knowledge."
Do. "Treasury of Geography."
Caswell's "Popular Educator."
"Weekly Welcome."
OLENDORFF'S METHOD for Learning a Language in SIX MONTHS, adapted to the
FRENCH, SPANISH, GERMAN.
Log Books, School Books,
Folding Maps on Linen,
4,000 Tauchnitz Volumes.

CHEAP EDITIONS

OF POPULAR WORKS FROM 25 CENTS.
"An Eye for an Eye."
"Moy O'Brien."
"Orange Lily."
"Eloise."
"Tare Fale Margaret."
"The Sound of the Sea."
"Impressions of Theophrastus Such."
"Light and Shade."
"The Zulus and the British Frontiers."
"Basildon."
"For a Dream's Sake."
"John Halifax, Gentleman."
"The Atlantic Cable."
"Paul Knox Finnan."
"John Caldigat."
"Christians and Moors of Spain."
"The Life of the Right Honorable Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield."
"My Heart's in the Highlands."
"Auld Lang Syne."
"The Life of Charles Lever."
"Jane Eyre."
"The Last Days of Pompeii."
"Time shall Try."
"Honour's Word."
"Christine Brownlee's Ordeal."
"Gull-Parade."
"Maiden of Duns."
"Haverholme."
"The History of a Crime."
"A Beautiful Woman."
"G. Leveque."
"The Bubble Reputation."
"Bonnie Lesley."
"The Last of the Time."
"The People of Turkey."
"All or Nothing."
"Within the Precincts."
"The Graham of Invermay."
"The Bachelor of the Albany."
"Love's Crosses."
"The House of Ipe."
"The Green Heron."
"Quaker Conscience."
"Journal of the Plague in London."
&c., &c., &c.

FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL

The following STORES, in excellent Condition—
Fresh ROAST BUTTER.
Finest COMB HONEY, in Frame.
Do. Do. in Bottles.
Dried Sliced APPLES.
Bonnet CODFISH.
Georges Bank Do.
Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.
Mild California Do.
Smoked SALMON.
Family MEAT BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.
Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.
Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.
AMERICAN HAMS.
Do. BACON.
CORNMEAL, ROMINY, CRACKED WHEAT.
OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-WHEAT FLOUR.
CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.
Table FRUITS, Bartlett PEARS, APRICOTS, PEACHES.
Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.
APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.
OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON, CLAMS.
PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER, BRAZIL NUTS.
CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS, Mottled Eastern OLIVE.
Winnowed Coldest GREEN CORN.
LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASH, SUGAR PEAS.
CALIFORNIA CRACKER CO.'S GINGER BREAD.
ALPHABET BISCUITS.
OYSTERS BISCUITS.
WATER BISCUITS.
SODA BISCUITS.
AMERICAN SOFT FELT HATS.
Hongkong, February 23, 1880.

Intimations.

5th DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan 1877.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, on the 28th of February next, when the interest thereon will cease, were this day Drawn at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31 Lombard Street, E.C., in the presence of Mr. GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1146 Bonds Nos.:

10	1620	3232	4837	6451	8064	9672	11272	12886	14499
25	1628	3244	4852	6461	8076	9678	11288	12897	14508
38	1651	3262	4867	6470	8085	9685	11290	12914	14532
48	1618	3269	4885	6483	8100	9704	11326	12923	14535
61	1672	3276	4894	6497	8119	9720	11337	12943	14549
80	1693	3296	4908	6516	8132	9737	11340	12960	14573
95	1708	3313	4919	6536	8148	9745	11356	12977	14580
105	1715	3326	4938	6540	8153	9773	11371	12981	14592
126	1728	3344	4944	6558	8165	9776	11388	12995	14603
132	1748	3356	4963	6578	8182	9791	11398	13007	14621
151	1765	3381	4977	6582	8193	9803	11413	13029	14644
165	1777	3394	4993	6600	8207	9828	11426	13040	14645
178	1782	3389	5001	6612	8220	9829	11441	13054	14672
188	1800	3408	5023	6627	8245	9848	11453	13073	14677
206	1810	3417	6030	6640	8253	9861	11476	13090	14694
222	1821	3482	6041	6653	8263	9872	11483	13094	14704
237	1847	3492	6063	6673	8276	9898	11498	13112	14721
242	1861	3471	6075	6681	8301	9903	11513	13122	14729
264	1871	3476	6095	6698	8304	9926	11527	13146	14745
268	1889	3500	6107	6720	8318	9938	11544	13167	14761
290	1896	3514	6110	6724	8338	9954	11566	13161	14778
296	1906	3523	6125	6738	8352	9955	11589	13181	14790
319	1911	3540	6145	6761	8371	9980	11580	13189	14803
329	1940	3550	6164	6785	8386	9996	11596	13206	14810
339	1969	3573	6174	6778	8391	10009	11617	13230	14827
359	1969	3573	6187	6801	8403	10012	11630	13234	14842
374	1984	3595	6200	6805	8417	10036	11647	13248	14900
387	1991	3603	6219	6819	8442	10061	11652	13261	14873
399	2005	3613	6226	6836	8462	10065	11663	13280	14887
407	2020	3634	6240	6839	8459	10076	11673	13288	14893
428	2034	3652	6262	6837	8474	10107	11698	13312	14917
444	2057	3655	6278	6875	8488	10107	11708	13329	14925
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568	2168	3779	6387	6987	8603	10208	11829	13432	15040
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735	2344	3952	6571	7179	8780	10402	12010	13616	15221
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858	2478	4055	6685	7287	8903	10524	12129	13742	15346
889	2491	4080	6697	7300	8921	10527	12145	13749	15360
888	2494	4115	6724	7324	8937	10547	12155	13769	15385
908	2520	4130	6727	7347	8952	10558	12170	13789	15383
916	2521	4155	6742	7361	8974	10573	12183	13797	15405
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951	2561	4171	6782	7392	9001	10599	12218	13826	15433
963	2576	4182	6796	7400	9018	10619	12233	13835	15445
989	2581	4215	6807	7425	9027	10627	12244	13847	15463
990	2591	4215	6811	7421	9041	10658	12252	13862	15481
998	2610	4216	6834	7446	9047	10657	12270	13877	15483
1015	2629	4232	6851	7460	9050	10673	12281	13896	15499
1031	2633	4254	6863	7474	9083	10678	12291	13915	15516
1048	2650	4260	6879	7478	9089	10708	12315	13925	15528
1058	2664	4278	6892	7499	9119	10714	12314	13949	15554
1075	2684	4287	6897	7517	9118	10729	12345	13948	15562
1081	2701	4313	6918	7525	9127	10747	12355	13955	15581
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1112	2729	4330	6939	7549	9168	10768	12366	14008	15599
1131	2732	4344	6951	7564	9181	10791	12395	14014	15616
1146	2753	4355	6965	7588	9190	10800	12409	14025	15625
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1176	2776	4394	6995	7606	9217	10834	12438	14043	15665
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1384	2995	4601	6207	7816	9423	11084	12643	14264	15869
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1417	3034	4636	6234	7856	9478	11058	12693	14305	15905
1437	3048	4648	6247	7882	9492	11069	12707	14309	15922
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1538	3145	4762	6857	7977	9589	11189	12803	14341	16023
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1584	3202	4816	6415	8036	9634	11247	12853	14363	
1601	3210	4880	6434	8048	9658	11269	12880	14390	

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Shipping.
1 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.
3 p.m.—Naylor leaves for Shanghai.

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BIRTHS.
At Kianglung, on the 17th Feb., the Wife
of C. Loxor Emerson, Commissionaire of
Customs, of a Son.
On the 29th, Feb., at the British Vice-
Consulate, Shanghai, Mrs. CLEMENT F. R.
ALLEN, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.55 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1880.

REVIEW.

An Index to Dr. Williams' "Syllabic Dic-
tionary," by James Acheson.
Members of the Imperial Maritime
Custom staff are showing a decidedly
statistical tendency in their literary
work. Mr. Percy counts up for us the
exact number of times that each of so many
hundred characters occurs in the Sacred
Edict; and Mr. Acheson follows with a
laborious Index showing us how each
character in Dr. Williams' Dictionary is
pronounced or should be pronounced
according to the system of Sir Thomas
Wade. It is difficult indeed to define
the principle upon which Dr. Williams'
spelling is based. "A general average"
of a number of dialects is scarcely correct,
although this definition conveys a pretty
fair popular notion of what his system is.
We think the following will be about
correct. When the Chinese dictionary-
makers began to cast about for principles
on which to base a dictionary system,
they discovered that the various
languages of China differed from each
other in a more or less regular
way; and dividing each word into an
initial and a final, they arranged a
system of initials and finals which would
take in the maximum number of the
sum of all initials and finals in each and
every dialect. Any one who has studied
Dr. Williams' new system, which takes
in the Cantonese, will see at a glance
how incompletely this was done, and
how much bias there was in favour of
the dialects north of the Great River.
Dr. Williams has apparently accepted
these initials and finals because, in ad-
dition to suiting pretty well the "mau-
derin" dialects, they are mostly available
for the Canton dialect, (though not so
completely so as Dr. Williams' system);
with which he was best acquainted. Mr.
Wade's system is admirable in so far
as it teaches the student to speak
(to use a parallel) Dutch well,—taking
Amsterdam to be the Peking of the
German plain, but it compels students
to "plump" one way or the other.
The old race of mandarin speakers,
following the Chinese double syllable
system, spoke neither high nor low
"German," but a mixture of both, which
mixture was more or less reflected in
the various dialects which were neither
high nor low. The question then was,
is it better to speak the fashionable low
dialect perfectly, or to speak the mixture?
Sir Thomas Wade gives his own reasons
for recommending the former course to
modern students; and, without repeating
the question, we think he is right. But
students who have their cake cannot eat
it too, and consequently, as soon as ever
they leave Peking, they find themselves
in the quandary from which Mr. Acheson
now offers to release them.
It is perhaps a question whether the
game is worth the candle;—whether the
huge labour expended by Mr. Acheson
is counterbalanced by the profit, which
students will derive from his book. But
that is a question for Mr. Acheson, not
for the students. The candle is provided
at the moderate price of \$1.50, and Pe-
kingese students can make their game
more comfortably after the expenditure
of that sum. After using Mr. Acheson's
book for a week or two, an intelligent
student should be able to group his
characters, initials and finals, without
Mr. Acheson's assistance: the dense and
the stupid ones, however, are those who
will be the most regular worshippers at
Mr. Acheson's shrine.
Sir Thomas Wade, in placing the initial
As at the end of all the As, and the initial
after all the es, probably reflected that
As and es were pure and simple consonants,
and, consequently, had nothing more
than an arbitrary connection with
A and E respectively. If, however, is
not a pure and simple consonant, but a
combination of two, so that the same
reasoning cannot apply with equal
force. Mr. Acheson, reasonably enough,
perhaps, follows the simple plan of plac-
ing his initials as they occur in the
English alphabet, and on the whole,
we think this system is the easiest for
English students of Chinese.
We look with extreme suspicion upon
Mr. Acheson's new syllable "pau",
[?] Certainly, Dr. Williams gives us
a Pekingese sentence in which the word

is said to mean "crumpled," but that is
by no means conclusive proof to us that
such a sound exists: we shall therefore
keep our eye steadily fixed on *jua*² an-
til a genuine Pekingese turns up. But
there are three sounds not given in
Wade's Syllabary, viz: *chiao*=*chiao*,
[?]; *mei*²=*mei*, [?]; and *liung* or
liung=*liung*, [?].
It is safe to say that the popular or
regular pronunciation of not more than
5,000 characters at the outside is fixed
in any dialect; certainly so in Pekingese,
which is spoken by perhaps the least
learned of all Chinese. Above this
number, the pronunciation is arrived at
in the case of genuine Pekingese, by
simply making the best result possible
out of the 反切 system, and, in the
case of sojourners in Peking, by fol-
lowing (with a change, when necessary,
to suit the Pekingese ear) the sound
taught by the teacher of one's youth.
This fact is important to remember,
and this fact may be easily verified by
any one who will take the trouble to do
so. Consequently the majority of Dr.
Williams' sounds are not natural, but
artificial, and so are the majority of Sir
Thomas Wade's, we suppose, or, at least,
the majority of the excess over 5,000;
and so, certainly, Mr. Acheson's sounds
when not found in Wade, but modified
to suit Wade supposing they were found
in Wade.
But Mr. Acheson's professions are
modest, and he has done well what he
has professed to do.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next Foreign Mail may be expected here
on Wednesday next, the 3rd
proximo, by the M. M. steamer. London
dates to the 23rd ult. are brought on by
this opportunity.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs
Jardine, Matheson & Co.), that the S. S.
Ventes left Singapore for this port yester-
day (27th).

A PARADE and Inspection of the Volunteer
and Government Fire Brigades took
place at the Central Fire Brigade Station
at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, the 1st proximo.

THE alterations in the Postal Rates con-
sequent on the abolition of the Southampton
route are, with other changes made quite
recently, embodied in the postal notices
we give elsewhere to-day; these cancel all
previous notices.

H.M.S. Tyne, 2d troop and store ship,
Commander John E. Stokes, left this
morning for England. On weighing anchor
the ship steamed round the man-of-war an-
chorage and proceeded westward through
the shipping, the crews of the *Iron Duke* and
Victor Emmanuel manning yards and giving
the usual farewell cheer. The Bands of the
flagship and *Richmond* also gave a parting
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THIRD DAY.
Saturday, February 28.
Stewards.—His Excellency John Pope
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R. N.; Lieut.-Colonel Goddard, 27th Infan-
tillery; The Hon. W. Kewick; The Hon.
P. Ryrie; and Messrs E. Lowcock, A.
Coxon, H. Hoppins, W. H. Forbes, J. H.
Scott, and T. Jackson; Mr R. H. Sande-
man, (Hon. Treasurer); Mr L. B. Friend,
(Clerk of the Course).

Mr H. Hoppins, Clerk of the Stables;
Hon. P. Ryrie and Mr A. Coxon, Starters;
Mr R. Shepherd, Judge.

The third day's sport was spoiled to a
very great extent by the weather. Rain
last evening, and again during the night,
brought the Course into a state of mud,
that rendered good work impossible, and
deprived man and beast alike of any plea-
sure in it. Every race that was run made
the Course still more gummy, and the
poor ponies must have found it very hard
going. The racing was very good and close,
and the interest of those on the course in
the races going on did not seem to flag in
the slightest. The attendance to-day was
the largest, not much more than one half
the number on the ground yesterday, turn-
ing up on the third day. The Exchange
Plate went to *Wild Echo*, *Ballyne* second.
The Challenge Cup was a capital race, Mr
Pye's Driving Cloud coming in the winner,
Brave Child second, and *Filion d'Or* third.

Mr Hutchings was successful in pulling off
the Ladies' Purse with *Wild Surf* and heartily
thanked the Ladies in a few words for
their purse, their patronage and their
presence, notwithstanding the weather. *Red-
start* carried off the Navy Plate, and *Strath-
peffer* scored half the entrance money. The
Keechong Cup went to *Wild Eddy*, who
showed good staying powers. The only
dead heat we have had for the first place
took place in the Consolation Stakes,
Saunterer and *Wild Boer* keeping well
together nearly all the way and re-
fusing at the Judge's Stand to be
divided. The dead heat was run off
after the Champions, when *Wild Boer*
waited on her neighbour till near the finish,
quietly standing up then and taking the
race from him. *Cumshaw* took the Cham-
pion Stakes, after a well contested race;
Mr Paul's Stable, represented by *Black*
Satin, *Tajmahal* and *Bravichet*, falling to
secure a place. The Native *Scramble* in
postponed till Monday, for which day a
few other events will be arranged, forming
the usual "Off-day."

The credit due for the success of the
present meeting is to be fairly divided be-
tween those of the Stewards who were
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SHANGHAI.
(News.)
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The German *barque Deutschland*, 400
tons, bound to Japan, by way of
Macao, H. W. Tabor & Co. for \$1,600.
Coal-mine "prospecting" appears to be
becoming a common thing in China, but
results do not seem commensurate with
the attempts being made. A correspondent
at Wuhu now writes us that "A Mr. Mol-
worth has panned up here to open up
some coal-mine in Anhui, with they say
eventually foreign machinery."

(Courier.)
The British steamer *Edin*, from Har-
kow, reports the steamer *Far-chay* having
been captured by the Chinese, and the
water mark at Hankow was nine feet,
and was rising, when she left port on the
18th instant.

(From Mercury Correspondent.)
January 29th, 1880.
You have often asked me to give you
some news of interest from this "City of
the Dead." It is rare that any thing
transpires of real interest, and I know your
space is too valuable to be filled up with
trivialities. When, too, there is anything of
real interest, the foreign diplomatists
seem to be in a state of impenetrable mystery,
although when the veil is lifted by some
man hand, the disillusionment is often as
complete as were the features of the veiled
Prophet. But we were very lively in the
diplomatic line last autumn; and events of
great importance to the nations of the
East were in the air. The Conference of
Olympia, to be convened at Constantinople,
but nothing was allowed to leak out to
anybody not one of the dwellers on the
diplomatic Mount Ida. But the native
colonists are more leaky, they have not
passed a long apprenticeship in the school
of Pythagoras. They are not fit, like
your illustrious ancestors, the Masters of
Olympia, to be entrusted with the secrets
of the gods, they would soon make the
amours of Jupiter the talk of the town,
and they have besides no diplomatic defeat
to conceal.

The cause of our unwelcome liveliness
was the presence in Peking of all the actual
agents that took part in the Conference of
Olympia. In all, there were twelve
of which six are now in Peking, and six in
Shanghai, I suppose, or in the more balmy
South. The twelve consisted of: Full Min-
isters—The British Minister, Sir Thomas
Wade, K.O.B., *doyen* or dean of the Diplo-
matic Corps at the Court of his Majesty, the
Domestic of the World, and the plenipo-
tentiary of past ages, have descended;" as
Dean he gave the invitations to the Con-
ference, the U. S. Minister; Mr von
Brandt, the German Minister. Ministers
Resident—Austria, Mr von Boplar; Hol-
land, Mr Ferguson; Italy, Mr De Luca;
Spain, Mr. Elcano. Chargés d'affaires—
France, Mr. Valenôtre, who arrived during
the Conference, his place having been at
first taken by the Chargé d'affaires, Mr
Doveria; Russia, Mr Korndorfer; Spain,
Mr Ossa; last, but not least, if I may
bring him into the class of Chargés d'affaires,
Mr Serruya, for Belgium. Japan
was not represented at the Conference, for
reasons that I believe the Ministers do not
know themselves; on dit, because the Mi-
nister doesn't know English, which is per-
haps fortunate for him, as he does not
share in the rebuff the other Ministers got
from the Taung-tse Yamen.

On the night of the fire, Fahr registered
five degrees below zero. The wind was
very strong from the North. You may
imagine therefore it was not a pleasant
time to turn out, and those who did so
for the purpose of helping their fellow-
creatures under such circumstances showed
great courage. Beyond the position of
some of the poor ladies who had to seek
shelter, with their babies, away from what
was at one period a very imminent danger.
It was a most fortunate thing that the fire
stopped after being so localized, for all the
pumps in the world would be useless in
such cold weather—water, even if it could
be got from the river, is by now frozen
over to a thickness of about three feet,
would freeze before it could be ejected
from the pipes. We devoutly wish never
to have such trouble again.

Of business there is not anything to be
said. The roads are like iron now, and
numberless carriages with oil, peas, millet
and other produce, daily arrive from the
interior, and there is no danger that vessels
sailing cargoes in the spring will have to
return in ballast.
24th January.

Singapore:
(Strait Times, Feb. 18.)
The United States Flagship, *Albatross*,
which is on a commercial and scientific
voyage, arrived here from Penang on the 12th
instant, and will remain until Monday next,
when she will leave for Labuan and Borneo
and will afterwards proceed to Hongkong.
The voyage has been a most interesting
one, and as many ports which were not
well known in the commercial world have
been visited, the record of his voyage is
being looked forward to with anxiety.

A novelty has been introduced in the
shape of jinnichaws, which are now used
as vehicles in the streets by a few
residents. They hail from Shanghai and
more are to be imported. These and
bicycles now astonish the natives.
The steamer *Edin*, which arrived here
yesterday (17th) from Trieste, is the
pioneer vessel of the Austro-Hungarian
Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company which
owns 77 steamers including 2 now being
built. The Company is under contract
with the Austrian Government for the
conveyance of mails, and proposes de-
spatching 6 steamers yearly in Singapore,
which will be the terminal port of the
Company, and on the homeward voyage,
the steamers will call at Colombo, Bombay,
and Trieste. The *Edin* is commanded by
Captain Lazareh, is 815 feet long, 88
feet broad, 1,113 tons register, and is
provided with all the luxuries to be found
on board of a first class mail steamer
visiting this port. The Agents here are
Messrs. D. Brandt & Co.

H. M. S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Coote
on board, returned from her cruise in the
Straits of Malacca last Saturday morning,
and left for Borneo and Hongkong last
evening (17th).
Politically there is actually nothing to
report. The Legislative Council will not
meet probably for some time to come and
the only item which would call for the at-
tention of the Executive is as to whether a
few Malays, some, men of position, who
were suspected by the Maharajah of Johore
of rebellious intentions against his rule in
Johore, and who were captured by the
Maharajah's officers, were seized in the
territory of that State or on British
ground. The official mind leans naturally
to the former conclusion, but, as usual, no
authoritative information has been vouch-
safed. This is an age of State secrets.

The constant query who is to be our new
Governor is still being repeated, and who
answers who? The Executive here is kept
in blissful ignorance on the matter, and so
many names of probable candidates have
been mentioned and their various virtues
been so lavishly dwelt upon that from sheer
failure of the powers of invention to
name more Governors, Officials are now
disposed to calmly abide without even a
gleam of speculation in their eyes.
Meanwhile the community pursues the even
tenor of its way and troubles little who may
be the coming overlord.

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It rivals most things in the common way.
Though bitter far exceeds the sweet they say.
When from some ill poor man seeks ex-
trication,
They often give him this as consolation.

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"I never had a sister and I never had a
brother,
I'm nobody's child! I'm nobody's child!"
Let for what I'm a king,
And so I'll have my fling,
Though 'twould drive an archbishop wild.

2.
The truth lies in a nutshell, so they say—
I too in smallest space am packed away;
Not less important than am I forthwith,
Though you may doubt that what is said
is truth:
Yet both of us in the same state were once;
Now guess it quickly, or be named a dunce.

3.
Half superstition yet truly real,
Of the substance, more of the ideal;
A cloud, a vapour, I mean no delusion,
In truth "the baseless fabric of a vision."

4.
A diplomat and soldier, known of late
Old England's temper much to agitate,
If Manchester, her woeful tale's forgotten,
She can't forget we both are made by cotton.

5.
Therewithal, doubtless, why you so inspire me,
Is that, somehow you find that you require
me.

6.
The catchism tells us plain,
In language more or less urbane,
To do our duty in this life,
And so avoid such cause of strife.
Sometimes a flock of sheep or goats,
Sometimes a rifle, sometimes boots,
Sometimes a tree, a diamond ring,
In short 'tis sometimes anything!

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Y. Yare E.
*The women's sleeping apartment in the
Sergio.
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No. IX.

What Chinese folk all try to do,
And they are most successful too.

1.
The hero of a quaint and curious tale
Where miracles and wonders most pre-
vail.
2.
To reach this city should you try
You'll have to mount up very high.

3.
Where Russia won her gold to gain
By dint of suffering and of pain.
4.
Pervading mankind from most distant
time
In every country, and in every clime.

5.
You cannot tell this truth resist:
When found—no longer I exist.
6.
This place escaped the sulphurous flame
That swept the land of old and same.
7.
Though high above the clouds he once
did soar,
They said he would come down again
some more.

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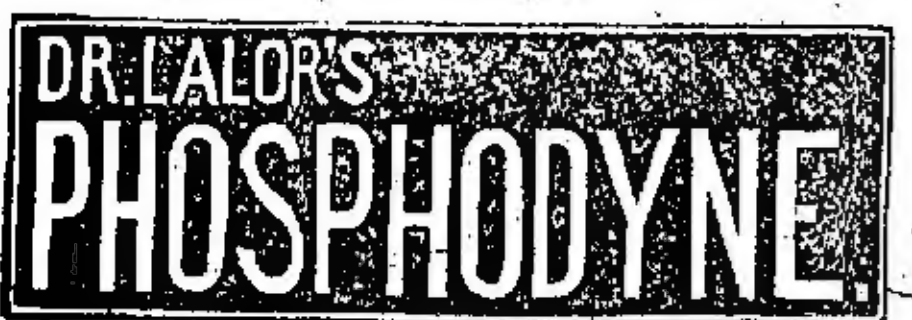
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me.

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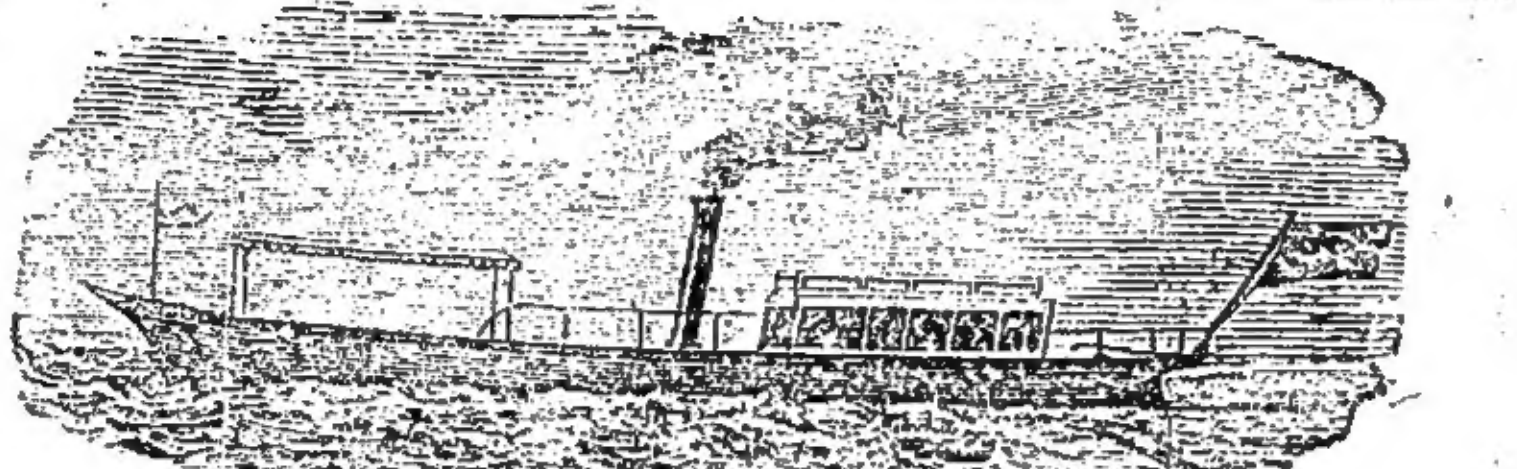
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